

Dear Interested Party:

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is announcing the opportunity for public and not-for-profit organizations to submit applications for a Peoples Garden School Pilot Program grant competition. FNS has set aside \$1 million for this pilot program. One grantee will be selected to enter into a cooperative agreement for the purposes of developing and running community gardens at eligible high-poverty schools; teaching students involved in the gardens about agriculture production practices, diet, and nutrition; contributing produce to supplement food provided at eligible schools, student households, local food banks, or senior center nutrition programs; and conducting an evaluation of funded projects to learn more about the impacts of school gardens.

Interested parties must adhere to all the enclosed application material requirements in order to be considered for funding. FNS must receive completed grant applications on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), November 8, 2010. FNS will not accept late applications and will not consider any additions or revisions to the applications once received. Applicants are responsible for meeting the due date.

Applications may be submitted by email to: FY2010Prop_PeoplesGarden@fns.usda.gov. All applications and supporting documents submitted via e-mail should be in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) file format. Additionally, the Organizational Authorized Representative (OAR) signature shown on all application documents is required. Applications in file formats other than Adobe Acrobat and without the OAR signature will not be considered.

Applications may also be submitted via www.grants.gov. Please allow ample time to familiarize yourself with the system's requirements including the need to download and use software required for submitting grants through this portal. A DUNS number CCR number are required to submit an application via Grants.gov. FNS recommends that applicants submit their applications to www.grants.gov at least two weeks before the due date in case the website experiences problems. Applicants that opt to submit their application via Grants.gov must send an email to Lisa Johnson, Grants Officer, at Lisa.Johnson@fns.usda.gov advising that the application was submitted through Grants.gov. This email must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on the application due date of November 8, 2010.

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